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Milwaukee Resident Sentenced to Six Years Imprisonment for Sex Trafficking of a Minor

United States Attorney James L. Santelle announced that Nicholas William Jessie Harrison, 20, formerly of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was sentenced on July 12, 2010, in federal court to six years in prison for the crime of commercial sex trafficking of a child. The sentencing judge, the Honorable Charles N. Clevert, Jr., also sentenced Harrison to spend three years on supervised release upon release from prison. Harrison also must register as a sex offender. Harrison received a sentence reduction as a result of his agreement to testify at trial against his father, Todd Carter.

Harrison was indicted on February 24, 2009, along with Todd Carter, then 39. Harrison, and later Carter, both agreed to plead guilty to sex trafficking offenses. On July 2, 2010, Carter was sentenced by Chief Judge Clevert to twenty-five years in prison, to be followed by ten years of supervised release following his release from prison. Carter was convicted of one count of commercial sex trafficking of a child and one count of conspiring to engage in commercial sex trafficking of children and adults. He was also ordered to register as a sex offender. Both defendants were forbidden to have any contact with minors upon their release unless permitted by their probation officers and in the presence of an authorized adult.

According to information released in court, there were nine victims of the defendants' crimes, six of whom were minors.

According to United States Attorney James L. Santelle "It is intolerable that young girls and women are being victimized and exploited. The prosecution of human trafficking is a top priority of the Department of Justice, and our office is committed to aggressively pursuing these cases."

The investigation was conducted by the Milwaukee Police Department and FBI, with assistance from the Wisconsin Department of Justice. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Joseph R. Wall and Melvin K. Washington.

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